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HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

Written Acknowledgment Form

Our Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP) provides information about how we may use and disclose medical information about you.

I, _____, with the date of birth _____ have been provided access to a copy of the for review.

This acknowledgment form will be in effect until otherwise revoked by M Derek Smith DPM.

I hereby consent to the release of any/all information regarding my medical history, current medical condition, current medical treatment and any/all patient account information to the individual(s) listed below: ***(If you would not like any information to be released, please leave blank).***

_____	_____	_____
Name	Relationship	Phone Number
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Name	Relationship	Phone Number

_____	_____
Patient Signature	Date

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Witness Signature	Date

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M. Derek Smith, DPM

This Notice describes how Medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

The privacy of your medical information is important to us.

Our Legal Duty

We are required by applicable federal and state laws to maintain the privacy of your protected health information. We are also required to give you this notice about our privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights concerning your protected health information. We must follow the privacy practices that are described in this notice while it is in effect. This notice takes effect January 1, 2024, and will remain in effect until we replace it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time, provided that such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our notice effective for all protected health information that we maintain, including medical information we created or received before we made the changes.

You may request a copy of our notice (or any subsequent revised notice) at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, or for additional copies of this notice, please contact our office.

Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information

We will use and disclose your protected health information about you for treatment, payment, and health care operations.

Following are examples of the types of uses and disclosures of your protected health care information that may occur. These examples are not meant to be exhaustive, but to describe the types of uses and disclosures that may be made by our office.

Treatment: We will use and disclose your protected health information to provide, coordinate or manage your health care and related services. This includes the coordination of management of your health care with a third party. For example, we would disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to a home health agency that provides care to you. We will disclose protected health information to other physicians who may be treating you. Your protected health information may be provided to a physician to whom you have been referred to ensure that the physician has the necessary information to diagnose or treat you.

In addition, we may disclose your protected health information from time to time to another physician or health care provider (e.g., a specialist or laboratory) who, at the request of your physician, becomes involved in your care by providing assistance with your health care diagnosis or treatment to your physician.

Payment: Your protected health information will be used, as needed, to obtain payment for your health care services. This may include certain activities that your health insurance plan may undertake before it approves or pays for the health care services we recommend for you, such as: making a determination of eligibility or coverage for insurance benefits, reviewing services provided to you for protected health necessity, and undertaking utilization review activities. For example, obtaining approval for a hospital stay may require that your relevant protected health information be disclosed to the health plan to obtain approval for the hospital admission.